

**Presidential Message:** Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means. **Page H12878**

**Message from the Clerk:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated Gerasimos C. Vans, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do other acts under the name of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or if Mr. Vans is not available, then Mr. Daniel J. Strodel, Assistant to the Clerk or Ms. Marjorie C. Kelaher, Assistant to the Clerk should perform these duties. **Pages H12878–79**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12758–59, H12759–60, H12765, H12766, H12845, and H12853–54. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:30 a.m. and at 9:40 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 339, the first session of the 108th Congress adjourned sine die.

## Committee Meetings

### CONFERENCE REPORT—CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Obey and Andrews.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1337)

H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Signed on November 24, 2003. (Public Law 108–136).

H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–137).

S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T–07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–138).

S.J. Res. 18, commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–139).

S.J. Res. 22, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–140).

S. 1590, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the “James E. Davis Post Office Building”. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–141).

S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–142).

S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wicks Lane in Billings, Montana, as the “Ronald Reagan Post Office Building”. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–143).

S. 1718, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office”. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–144).

H.R. 3182, to reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–145).

H.R. 23, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–146).

H.R. 1683, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–147).

H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the